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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Selectmen charge themselves with assessments of 1889:		
State tax,	$745 00	
County tax,	574 57	
Town tax,	500 00	
School tax,	621 50	
Library tax,	100 00	
Highway tax,	645 43	
Memorial tax,	5 00	
Swellage tax,	137 77	
Dog tax,	78 00	
Received of State:		
Railroad tax,	234 29	
Savings Bank tax,	909 89	
Literary fund,	142 87	
Received of County:		
Pauper claims,	318 05	
Aid to dependent soldiers and families,	384 41	
of E. Litchfield, money hired,	1100 00	
for use of town hall.	5 75	
of J. D. Danforth for plank,	1 00	
Cemetery agent,	5 00	
Road agent, unexpended balance,	3 11	
		$6511 64

Selectmen credit themselves with orders to collector:

To pay—State tax,	745 00	
County,	574 57	
Town,	500 00	

School,	621 50	
Library,	100 00	
Highway,	645 43	
Memorial,	5 00	
Dog,	78 00	
Swellage,	137 77	
Cash paid Treasurer,	3104 37	
		$6511 64

EDWARD A. FARNUM,
HARRY G. DEAN,
JOHN WELLS.
} SELECTMEN OF DANBURY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1st, 1890,	425 88	
Received of Selectmen,	3104 37	
Collector for 1886,	85 21	
Interest,	6 41	
Collector for 1887,	111 65	
Interest,	7 04	
Collector for 1888,	172 93	
Interest,	7 00	
Overseer of the Poor, cash for goods of S. E. Towne.	5 00	
Parsonage fund, interest,	14 22	
Literary " "	1 11	
Received of Collector for 1889,	1905 00	
		$5845 82

Disbursements.

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid J. H. Emmons, burial expenses of G. H. C. Wilson,	$9 50
G. W. Weymouth, medical aid to G. H. C. Wilson,	5 25

E. Litchfield for cash paid for support of G. H. C. Wilson and family.	6 00
Webster & Tucker goods furnished G. H. C. Wilson,	7 40
S. Clark, support and burial expenses of G. H. C. Wilson,	35 14
C. P. Newton, medical aid to G. H. C. Wilson,	2 80
C. P. Newton, medical aid furnished to Bailey child,	7 15
S. Clark, support of Bailey children,	32 13
W. D. Gould, support of Ezra Gould,	35 00
Eveline Gould, " " "	42 00
Webster & Tucker, goods furnished Ezra Gould,	1 18
S. Clark, " " " "	5 89
Susan Peters, for support of Jane D. Peters,	104 00
S. Clark, keeping tramps,	3 00
" goods furnished M. Austin,	8 31
Rebecca Littlefield support of Lizzie Smith,	11 00
J. A Butrick, medical aid for Currier girl,	2 30
	$318 05

Aid to Dependent Soldiers and their Families.

Paid S. Clark, support and burial expenses of S. E. Towne,	$15 37
L. E. Fay, support of S. E. Towne,	22 60
G. W. Weymouth, medical aid to S. E. Towne,	8 75
Webster & Tucker, goods furnished " "	18 43
A. J. Phelps, aid to " "	75
John Morrison, aid to " "	3 50
Olive J. Wilkins, support of J. R. Eastman,	158 00
J. F. Merrill, medical aid to J. R. Eastman,	15 00
H. A. Weymouth " " "	1 00
Webster & Tucker, goods furnished J. R. Eastman,	1 62
E. J. Shannon, support of Evans children,	130 35
Webster & Tucker, goods furnished Evans children,	1 51

S. Clark, goods furnished Evans children,	7 53
	$384 41

Town Paupers.

Paid J. H. Emmons aid to E. F. Blackman,	5 00

Aid to Dependent Soldiers and their Families.

Paid J. C. Webster for support of minor child of Ruth R. Smith,	9 00
J. H. Emmons for support of minor child of Ruth R. Smith,	36 00
	45 00

Miscellaneous Items.

Paid Warren F. Langley, Treasurer of Wilmot, special District tax,	49 50
W. H. Traver, printing town report for 1889,	23 00
F. B. Johnson, cleaning town hall,	35
W. H. Hodgdon, damage on highway,	2 00
C. N. Blackman, " "	5 00
J. F. Merrill, M. D., " "	4 00
E. M. Drake, " "	2 25
C. B Knowlton, cleaning town hall,	1 00
" " work in town hall,	1 00
W. T. Norris, Esq., legal services,	12 50
J. C. Webster, library tax,	100 00
J. W. Downes, decorating soldier's graves,	5 00
L. M. Jackson. parsonage fund interest,	4 50
J. S. Roby, " " "	5 94
W. W. Walker, " " "	3 78
Mary A. Peters, return of births,	50
C. P. Newton, M. D., return of births and deaths,	3 50
J. C. Webster, return of births, deaths and marriages to state board of health,	4 80
Fred Huntoon, work on tramp house,	1 50
J. S. Sargent, " " "	1 50
G. K Jewett, " " "	2 00

D. J. Perkins, damage to plow,	50
A. H. Perkins, labor on cemetery,	7 00
E. A. Farnum, labor and expenses in moving tramp house,	4 75
C. W. Cornings, public watering place,	1 50
John Tucker, " " "	1 50
H. B. Chase, " " "	3 00
G. N. Dexter, " " "	3 00
G. W. Dean, " " "	3 00
A. Wilkins, " " "	3 00
J. C. Webster, book furnished Bailey girl,	40
Webster & Tucker, blank books, etc ,	3 65
F. B. Johnson, sawing wood for town hall,	75
E. A. Farnum, blank books, postage, etc..	3 09
" " expense to settle with State Treasurer,	2 50
A. Wilkins, casting for road machine,	75
J. H. Emmons, cash paid to settle County pauper claims,	2 08
J. H. Emmons, cash paid to carry Bailey children to County farm,	2 13
E. Litchfield, notes and interest,	1150 02
	$1427 74

Highway Expenses.

Paid Weld Connell, labor on highway.	$2 48
" " labor on bridge,	13 75
A. Wilkins, road agent,	591 69
G. Littlefield, labor on highway,	1 00
J. T. Morrison, lumber and labor on bridge,	3 00
F. Farnum, bridge plank,	46 40
J. Frazier, bridge plank and labor,	7 00
B. W. Dean, " "	22 25
Squire Braley, " "	11 00
" " labor on bridges,	5 00
A. Austin, labor on highway,	1 25
S. Sleeper, labor on bridges,	1 25

C. Rowe. labor on highway,	1 34
V. I. Bailey, " "	21 00
E. A. Farnum, labor on bridges.	8 15
John Wells, " "	8 50
C. F. Sewall, " "	2 00
D. M. Sewell, " "	1 00
A. M. Braley, " "	2 00
J. T. Morrison, drawing bridge plank,	1 75
O. I. Eastman, labor on bridge.	50
R. N. Messer, bridge timber,	3 75
J. V. Ford, labor on bridge,	10 00
W. H. Hodgdon, labor and plank,	4 00
C. B. Jones, labor and timber.	5 00
G. N. Ford, bridge timber,	8 03
J. S. Ford, drawing plank,	1 00
J. S. Roby, labor on bridge.	3 87
G. H. Wiggins, railing bog bridge,	15 79
G. W. Dean, bridge stringers,	28 00
S. B. Follansbee, labor on bridges,	10 00
F. S. Ransom, " "	1 75
J. F. Farnum " "	1 00
C. A. Sanborn, " "	65
B. C. Keneston, labor and lumber,	8 00
H. H. Huntoon, " "	8 00
J. A. Butrick, labor on highway,	3 12
G. S. Sanders, " "	3 00
	$867 27

Breaking Roads Last Spring.

Paid J. W. Sargent,	$ 62
D. Perkins,	4 00
H. H. Huntoon,	2 00
G. S. Tenney,	4 00
J. C. Braley,	5 70
F. K. Flanders,	2 50
A. P. Braley,	2 50
V. I. Bailey,	8 82

J. F. Wiggins,	5 75	
J. S. Roby,	3 75	
E. E. Wells,	4 80	
C. Rowe,	1 50	
B. W. Dean,	3 00	
F. L. Taylor,	2 00	
G. Littlefield,	4 00	
M. V. Braley,	6 30	
G. A. Pulsifer,	2 00	
J. A. Butrick,	75	
J. T. Morrison,	2 22	
D. J. Perkins,	4 00	
G. G. Brown,	1 00	
J. F. Farnum,	5 00	
C. A. Sanborn,	2 00	
J. Tucker,	4 36	
H. M. Currier,	5 22	
C. M. Stuart,	1 00	
A. M. Braley,	2 00	
G. N. Ford,	2 75	
J. V. Ford,	87	
J. C. Pillsbury,	75	
J. S. Sargent,	2 50	
		$97 66

Current Expenses.

Paid Auditors for 1889,	$4 50
W. A. Tucker, services as selectman for 1888,	6 00
E. A. Farnum, " " "	8 00
H. G. Dean, " " "	8 50
J. S. Knowlton, for board of education,	50 00
J. T. Morrison, services as supervisor for 1889,	6 00
B. W. Dean " " "	6 00
E. Litchfield, " " "	6 00
J. C. Webster, services as town clerk,	12 00
S. Clark, services as overseer of the poor,	2 00
J. H. Emmons, services as overseer of the poor,	8 00
E. Litchfield, " " "	8 00
E. Litchfield, collector for 1888,	5 00

H. M. Currier, Collector, 1886,		5 00
" " " 1887,		5 00
J. C. Webster, " 1889,		35 00
E. A. Farnum, services as selectman for 1889,		53 50
H. G. Dean, " " "		41 00
John Wells, " " "		39 00
F. E. Litchfield, " treasurer,		25 00
		$333 50

School Board.

Paid J. S. Knowlton, school money,	$621 50	
" " literary fund,	142 87	
		$764 37

Abatements.

Paid H. M. Currier, collector for 1886,	$12 10	
" " " 1887,	14 99	
E. Litchfield, " 1888,	15 92	
J. C. Webster, " 1889,	15 79	
		$58 80

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received,	$5845 82

Disbursements.

Paid support of county paupers,	$318 05
aid to dependent soldiers and their families,	384 41
support of town paupers.	5 00
aid to dependent soldiers and their families,	45 00
Miscellaneous items,	1427 74
Highway expenses,	867 27
Breaking roads,	97 66
Abatements,	58 80
Current expenses,	333 50

School board.	764 37	
Damage to sheep by dogs,	66 00	
		$4367 80
Cash in treasury,		1478 02
		5845 82

Outstanding Credits.

Due from collector for 1889,	182 70	
Cash in treasury,	1478 02	
		1660 72

FRANK E. LITCHFIELD, Treasurer.

Road Agent's Report.

Received orders of the selectmen,		$591 69
Paid A. Wilkins, 37 days with machine,	$83 25	
A. E. Peters, 39 days with 4 oxen,	97 50	
" " 48 days board,	24 00	
Sam Sargent, 30 days' labor,	37 50	
Fred Taylor, 36 1-2 days' labor,	45 62	
Olin Ford, 6 " "	7 50	
S. B. Follansbee, 20 days with oxen,	50 00	
Selvin Taylor, 2 days,	2 50	
A. Wilkins, keeping 8 oxen on hay 48 days,	57 60	
" " for oxen 37 days,	18 50	
C. B. Jones, for oxen 14 days,	7 00	
A. Wilkins, for shoeing oxen,	3 75	
John Wells, " "	2 00	
J. O. Gale, " "	1 65	
Webster & Tucker, for meal,	35 28	
Stillman Clark, "	1 84	
A. E. Peters, with one pair oxen 2 days,	5 00	
S. B. Follansbee, " " 3 "	7 50	
Fred Peters, for 2 days' labor,	2 50	
A. E. Peters, for repairing road,	19 33	
G. H. Wiggins, for labor on bog road,	20 00	
John Morrison, " "	5 00	
J. Littlefield, for cutting bushes,	3 06	

C. N. Blackman, " "	1 00	
A. Wilkins, 15 days' work,	26 25	
A. Wilkins, 2 edges and bolts, and freight,	17 45	
" " for oil,	50	
W. H. Hodgdon, for plow,	50	
Stillman Clark, for new culvert,	5 00	
Unexpended balance to selectmen,	3 11	
		$591 69

ALONZO WILKINS, Agent.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts, and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE W. DEAN,
ISAIAH LANGLEY, } Auditors.
STILLMAN CLARK,

Invoice of the polls and ratable property of the town of Danbury, April 1, 1889:

Real Estate,	Value	$178,056
No. of Polls, 193,	"	19,300
Horses, 181,	"	12,188
Mules, 1,	"	50
Oxen, 207,	"	9,338
Cows, 325,	"	6,866
Other neat stock, 537,	"	9,598
Sheep, 983,	"	2,410
Hogs, 15,	"	82
Carriages, 2,	"	124
Mills,	"	3,340
Stock in trade,	"	7,400
Money at interest,		9,422
		$258,174

Rate per cent., 1.29.
Reduced value, 1290.87.

Parsonage fund in hands of treasurer,	$376.50
Literary " " "	$39.15

Births Registered in the Town of Danbury, N. H , for the Year ending December 31, 1889.

Date.	Place.	Name of Child.	Male.	Female	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Res. of Parents.
Jan. 16.	Danbury.		1		W	Arthur P. Mudgett.		Danbury.
Feb 19.	"			1	"	De Forrest Safford.	Delia Loveland.	"
" 21.	"	Florence Edna.		1	"	Chas. H. Morrison.	Emily L. Jones.	"
" 8.	"			1	"	Lorin E. Fay	Rosa A. Hutchinson	"
Mar. 4.	"		1		"	John V Ford	Martha Walker.	"
" 30.	"		1		"	Alfred Braley.	Anna Devon.	"
Sept. 3.	"	Lena May.		1	"	Lorenzo M. Heath.	Emma A Simonds.	"
Nov. 1.	"		1		"	John Connor.	Maggie Sheehan.	"

Marriages Registered in the Town of Danbury, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1889.

Date.	Place.	Name of each.	Residence.	Age.	Place of Birth	What Marriage.	By whom Married.
Apr. 3, 1889.	Danbury, N. H.	He ry D. Perkins,	Danbury, N H.	22	Danbury, N. H.	S	Wm. S. Morrill,
		Elenor C Stuart,	"	23	"	S	Wilmot, N. H.
Apr. 13, "	"	Moses Currier,	"	75	"	W	Wm S Morrill,
		Caroline C Chase,	Andover, N. H.	65	Springfield, N H.	W	Wilmot, N H.
June 3, "	"	Chas N Blackman	Danbury, N H.	30	Danbury, N. H.	S	DeForrest Safford,
		Lizzie Wheeler,	Olivet, Vt.	29	Braintree, Vt.	W	Danbury, N. H.
June 4, "	Bristol. N. H	Wanton J. Tucker,	Danbury, N. H	23	Canaan, N. H	S	Otis Cole,
		Carrie D. Wescott,	"	18	Danbury, N. H.	S	Bristol, N H.
Aug 10, "	Wilmot, N. H.	Arthur Noolan,	"	22	Canada, P Q	S	Wm. S Morrill,
		Jennie Chagull	"	16	"	S	Wilmot, N. H.
Nov, 19. "	Bristol, N. H	Will N Buttrick,	"	23	Danbury, N H.	S	W A. Neley,
		Lillian S. Emery,	Alexandria, N H	18	Salisbury, N. H	S	Bristol,, N. H.
Dec. 5. "	Danbury, N. H.	John H Huntoon,	Danbury, N H	21	Danbury, N. H.	S	DeForest Safford,
		Cora Bell Roby,	"	20	"	S	Danbury, H N.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Danbury, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1889.

Date.	Place.	Name of Deceased.	Age: Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Single, Married or Widowed.
Feb. 3.	Danbury.	Almira E. Bullock.	45	1	11	Alexandria, N. H.	M
" 24.	"	Iddo S. Brown.	92			Salisbury, "	M
Mar. 30.	"	William T. Norris.	68	11	29	Danbury, "	M
May 8.	"	Frances W. Safford,		2	19	" "	S
" 18.	"	Henry W. Morrison.	14	2	29	" "	S
" 19.	"	Priscilla T. Jackson.	83	10	19	" "	M
" 30.	"	Anna J. Prescott.	18	6	17	Grafton. "	S
June 6.	"	Francis Farnum.	68	8	27	Concord, "	M
" 10.	"	Timothy Danforth	81	8	25	Danbury, "	M
Aug. 6.	"	William D. Gould.	57	11	24	Goffstown, "	M
" 18.	"	Louisa Cook.	75	2	19	" "	W
Sept. 1.	"	Lizzie J. Prescott.	45	5	20	Wilmot, "	W
" 15.	"	Ella G. Jones	34	8	15	Loudon, "	M
May 2.	"	George H. C. Wilson,	30			Andover, "	M
" 17.	"	Solomon E. Townes,	63			New Boston, "	S
Nov. 5.	"	Morrill Currier.	92	11	5	Danbury, "	W
May 20.	"	Lydia Currier.	82	0	3	" "	S

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

In Treasury, March 1, 1889, school money,	$30 76	
Received of Town Treasurer, " "	621 50	
" " literary fund,	142 87	
Int. on $20 deposit in bank 5 mos.	33	
		$795 46

Expenditures.

EASTERN SCHOOL.

Paid Ida L. Childs, teaching 1st term, 9 weeks,	$31 50	
" " " 2d " 10 " including board,	52 50	
Mrs. A. M. Follansbee, board of teacher 1st term,	15 75	
E. Litchfield, 1 cord wood and sawing,	5 00	
		$104 75

NORTH ROAD SCHOOL.

De Ette L. Bullock, teaching 6 weeks of 1st term,	$21 00
Jennie M. Roby, teaching 3 weeks of 1st term, including board,	15 00
Jennie M. Roby, teaching 10 weeks, 2d term, board included,	50 00

Mrs. M. J. Rand, board of teacher 6 weeks 1st term,	9 00	
M. C. Heath, for 1 3-32 cords of wood.	4 10	
		$99 10

UPPER TURNPIKE SCHOOL.

Jennie F. Rand, teaching 1st term 9 weeks.	$27 00	
" " " 2d " 9 4-5 " including board,	44 10	
John S. Ford, board of teacher 1st term,	13 50	
" " fuel,	2 00	
		$86 60

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Paid Alice R. Ford, for teaching and board 1st term, 9 weeks,	$54 00	
Cora B. Durgin. for teaching and board 2d term, 10 weeks,	60 00	
P. G. Sargent, for 1-2 cord of wood,	6 00	
		$120 00

TANNERY SCHOOL.

Abbie R. Taylor, teaching and board 1st term, 9 weeks,	$45 00	
Abbie R. Taylor, teaching and board 2d term 7 weeks,	35 00	
Mary E. Clay, teaching 2 4-5 weeks of 2d term,	11 20	
J. S. Sargent, board of teacher 3 weeks, 2d term,	5 25	
E. T. Dudley, 1 cord of wood,	3 50	
		$99 95

NEW CANADA SCHOOL.

Mary A. Walker for teaching and board 1st and 2d terms, 19 4-5 weeks,	94 00	
J. F. Farnum, 1 cord of wood,	2 50	
A. Wilkins, for the sawing,	50	
		$97 00

SOUTH DANBURY SCHOOL.

Kate E. Currier, teaching, and board 1st term, 9 weeks,	$45 00	
N. Emroy Wilkins, teaching and board 9 4-5 weeks, 2d term,	49 00	
A. Wilkins, 3-4 cord of wood	2 00	
		$96 00

WESTERN SCHOOL.

Mary E. Clay, teaching and board 1st term, 9 weeks,	40 50	
Lucretia J. Stewart, teaching and board 2d term, 9 4-5 weeks,	44 10	
H. M. Currier, for fuel,	2 00	
		$86 60
Paid Grafton school board tuition of Chester C. Braley for 40 and Herbert W. Tenney 46 days at Wild Meadows school,	$ 4 30	
		$794 30
Whole amount of schoool money,	$795 46	
expended,	794 30	
	$1 16	

REPAIRS.

In Treasury March, 1, 1889,	$53 35	
Received of H. P. Haskins, for 1 old window,	50	
J. S. Knowlton, for 2 1-2 lbs. nails,	10	
Int. $50 deposit 5 mos. in Bank.	83	
		$54 78

EXPENDED.

J. S. Knowlton, for 4100 shingles for North Road school house,	8 20
J. S. Knowlton, labor and water dipper,	70
C. A. Knowlton, cleaning and washing school house,	1 00
J. A. Virtue, shingling one side school house,	3 50

W. H. Traver, repairing door, Centre school-house,	80	
A. Wilkins, repairs and supplies South Danbury,	2 60	
A. Wilkins, repairs New Canada school house,	43	
J. Tucker, on Upper Turnpike school lot in 1888,	50	
Webster & Tucker, for materials and supplies,	3 95	
		$ 21 68
Balance,		$33 10

JAS. S. KNOWLTON,
Treasurer of School Board.

March 1st, 1890.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and found it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE W. DEAN.
ISAIAH LANGLEY. } AUDITORS.
STILLMAN CLARK.

Superintendent's Report.

To the Town and Town School District:

In compliance with the requirement of law, this fourth annual report under the town district system, is respectfully submitted.

It appears from the school registers for 1889, that the whole number of scholars attending school "not less than two weeks" is 154; males, 87; females, 67; and the "average daily attendance," 138. Quite too small an *average*. No trivial excuses for *absence* or *tardiness* should be listened to by parents or teachers as at all admissible. *Good* excuses should always be demanded. No truancy allowed. Irregular attendance is not merely a great hindrance to good advancement of the absentee, but an actual clog and make-weight upon the whole school, and teacher also.

Under existing circumstances the Board deemed it best to run eight schools. Could the number be reduced to six, and scholars assigned equally, only about 25 pupils would attend any one school. None too large, at least not unwieldy. But the location of our schoolhouses, where accommodations could be afforded, and the distance of residence of scholars therefrom would render the cost of conveyance quite onerous.

Some of our schools were decidedly of a high order, both in discipline and instruction. In one or two, a lack of complete success was not attributable to a want of educational acquirements, but to other and extraneous causes. On the whole, a very good work was done. Most of our teachers had more or less experience in the vocation and were well equipped. Our three initiates did commendable work, making up, measurably, in zeal and assiduous labor, the lack of experience.

Unfortunately, two of our hard-working and pains-taking teachers vacated their schools before the close of the terms upon which they had entered, Miss Bullock having been exposed to a contagious disease left the North Road school at the close of the sixth week of the first term, not wishing to subject her scholars to like exposure. Miss Taylor, on account of sickness, closed her labors in the Tannery School at the end of the seventh week of the second term.

Two teachers of experience were secured to fill the vacancies,

without any vacation at the North Road, and at the tannery with a delay of one week only, so that no disadvantage accrued except that ordinarily resulting from a change of instructors.

Those parents and citizens who manifested their interest in the schools, the welfare of pupils, and the success of the teachers by their "visits" to the school room are to be commended. More visitors and more frequent calls would no doubt result in essential benefit in stimulating scholars to closer studiousness and more thoroughness in their work, and also to a greater exactness in decorum, besides "give aid and comfort" to teachers. Frequent personal inspection would in a majority of cases, reveal the fact that justice demands less unfavorable criticism.

Under the "Free Text Book Law," all necessary books will be furnished scholars who have not a full supply, as a loan, at the town's expense, and it is required that the recipients observe the same scrupulous neatness and care as though the books were their own private property.

We have had 19 weeks of school during the year—two terms—at an average cost of about $5 per week, exclusive of fuel and incidentals. If two terms of 10 weeks each are desired, then a larger amount of money will need to be raised. And ought we not to have *longer* terms in lieu of shorter?

The paramount importance of educational acquirements– intellectual, moral, and physical culture and training—cannot be over estimated. The framers of our organic law, catching the inspiration from the eternal God, enunciated the great truth, that "Knowledge and learning generally diffused through a community is essential to the preservation of a free government." And it is equally true that the "efficiency and usefulness of a liberal education are dwarfed unless developed under the influence of a proper decorum." The intellectual and moral training of the child, begun at home, should both be continued in the school room.

Exclusive *mental* and careless neglect of *moral* culture, must necessarily eventuate in making a lop-sided *biped* instead of the symmetrical *man*. In rural communities the youth gets, perhaps, a sufficiency of "manual" training in farm, shop and household duties. Yet no arrangements should be tolerated in the school-room or its appurtenances that stint or retard the full, free and complete development of the physical powers.

A term of school at the Centre, of 10 weeks, of higher grade, taught during the winter by Miss Clara M. Farnum, a resident teacher of much experience, was quite well patronized, and was just what

was needed for our more advanced scholars. We trust this is just the beginning, and others of like character will follow, at least, one annually. Education is a potent safe-guard against pauperism and crime. Are not a large percentage of the beneficiaries of our charitable and reformatory institutions, and the inmates of our penitentiaries, unrefined, uneducated and ignorant?

Many of our school houses are unfit for the purpose for which they are used, uninviting in exterior appearance and interior arrangements, if not actually repulsive to a refined taste, with inclined floors, hard and inconvenient plank seats, and desks to match, bear conspicuous evidences of the mechanical and sculptural "bent of mind" of former occupants, in jack-knife carvings and embellishments(?) left as lasting mementoes, or maybe acts retaliatory, of the aches and pains to which they were daily subjected. There is one good school building in town, at South Danbury, a pleasant room, with convenient, comfortable, inviting seats and desks. Three others, Centre, Eastern and North Road, might, by reseating and other repairs, at a moderate outlay, be made equally convenient. An annual appropriation, sufficient for the completion of one at a time, would not be very burdensome. It is hoped the needed work may soon commence.

TABULATIONS.

Name of School.	No. of Term.	Teachers.	No. of Weeks.	Wages per month including board.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Book-keeping.
Eastern.	1	Ida L. Child.	9	$21	14	12	14	14	14	13	10	2					1
	2	" "	10	21	19	18	19	19	19	17	12	4	2	4		2	
North Road.	1	DeEtte L. Bullock.	9	20	16	14	16	16	7	11	6	1					
	1	Jennie M. Roby.															
	2	" "	10	20	18	14	18	18	10	18	7	4					
Upper Turnpike.	1	Jennie F. Rand.	9	18	8	7	8	8	5	5	4	1					
	2	" "	10	18	9	6	9	9	5	6	5	1					
Centre.	1	Alice R. Ford.	9	24	45	37	45	45	20	32	29	7	11		4		
	2	Cora B. Durgin.	10	24	34	29	34	34	6	24	12	1	3	1			
Tannery.	1	Abbie R. Taylor.	9	20	15	14	15	15	12	10	6	1					
	2	" "		26													
		Mary E. Clay.	10	23	15	13	15	15	13	13	6	1					
New Canada.	1	Mary A Walker.	9	20	16	13	16	16	7	10	6	3	1	2		2	
	2	" "	10	20	20	15	20	20	9	11	7	3	1			2	
South Danbury.	1	Kate E. Currier.	9	20	16	11	16	16	2	14	8	4					
	2	N. Emroy Wilkins.	10	20	14	11	14	14	11	12	6	4					
Western.	1	Mary E. Clay.	9	18	6	6	6	6	6	4	3	2	2	2	1		
	2	Lucretia J. Stewart.	10	18	7	6	7	7	5	5	3	2					

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